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The Honorable Philip M. Crane
Chair, Subcommittee on Trade
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6354

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation: H.R. 4128

Dear Chairman Crane:

The Markings Harmonization Act of 2002, H.R. 4128, is very important to our business and to the jobs of our 90 employees. In building our business and making the investments necessary to keep it competitive, one of the things we count on from our government is clear and stable laws governing the marking of our products. The Markings Harmonization Act of 2002 will if enacted, provide clear and consistent rules for the marking of steel butt-weld pipe fittings and flanges and will prevent sudden changes that would disrupt our business. For the many Americans whose livelihood depends on the manufacture of fittings and flanges, this legislation is vital.

The Markings Harmonization Act preserves the marking requirements that have been in effect for over 30 years of court decisions and Customs Service rulings. These are the requirements that National Flange & Fitting Company has relied on in building our family owned business over the years, and these are the same requirements that we need to be able to rely on as we build in the future. To preserve and promote American jobs, we urge the enactment of the Markings Harmonization Act.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Alois O. Keilers

Alois O. Keilers, President